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**AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed on February 12, 2003. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1, 6-36, and 53-73; amend claim 52; and add new claims 74-79 (marked up version attached in Appendix), such that pending claims 37-52 and 74-79 read as follows:

37. A method of forming an impact absorbing composite, the method comprising:

placing a flexible layer into a molding apparatus, the molding apparatus having a plurality of first surfaces that define a plurality of first mold cavity portions and a second surface that defines a second mold cavity portion and, the flexible layer positioned between the first mold cavity portions and the second mold cavity portion, and the first mold cavity portions and the second mold cavity portion collectively forming a mold cavity;

placing polymeric resin in the mold cavity;